

## DOI Work Activity 6B: Conduct Environmental Consultations for Watersheds and Landscapes

<b>Program Area:</b>	Landscapes and Watersheds
<b>End Outcome Goal:</b>	PEO 1 - Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources that are DOI Managed or Influenced in a Manner Consistent with Obligations Regarding the Allocation and Use of Water
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	PIO 1.2 – Manage and Protect Watersheds and Landscapes
<b>DOI Sub process:</b>	4a - Manage use of resources

**Examples/Notes:** This activity applies only to FWS

**Work Activity Description:** This activity includes the tasks necessary to complete the Section 7 consultation process for projects that manage or influence the protection of landscapes and watersheds, and that manage or influence responding to wild fires in forests, rangelands, and other lands outside and within the wildland urban interface (WUI):

This activity includes:

- Conduct environmental consultations;
- Meet and communicate with the action agency and any applicant to gather additional information necessary to conduct the consultation;
- Assess the status of the species and critical habitat that may be affected by the project;
- Verify the scope of the proposed action, analyze the effects of the action, including cumulative effects, and develop reasonable and prudent alternatives to avoid jeopardy to listed species and destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat;
- Assess likely incidental take of listed species of implementing the action, develop reasonable and prudent measures, and terms and conditions to implement these measures, to minimize the impacts of this incidental take;
- Develop conservation recommendations;
- Develop alternative consultation agreements;
- Oversee/monitor action agency's implementation of HF counterpart regulations via ACAs; and
- Prepare draft and final biological opinions or letter of concurrence.

<b>Output:</b> Completed consultation action/activity completed via issuance of a BO or letter of concurrence	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Number completed consultation actions/activities
<b>Inputs:</b>	<b>Cost Drivers:</b>

**System Interfaces:**

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